

Kuwait: Permit holders by group of countries of origin (2011-2022)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Arab countries	722,575	750,426	802,213	837,363	877,959	898,660	916,169	952,261	978,375	931,092	881,211	943,530
Non-Arab												
Asian countries	1,338,340	1,391,040	1,458,161	1,525,083	1,620,129	1,714,717	1,775,919	1,849,050	1,871,676	1,682,815	1,502,222	1,784,170
Non-Arab												
African countries	73,403	83,144	93,004	73,300	61,070	49,634	47,254	53,778	44,639	35,092	26,866	30,705
Europe	10,216	10,554	10,921	11,443	12,081	12,482	13,565	13,726	13,300	11,748	10,854	11,398
North America	19,191	19,311	18,244	18,297	18,403	18,860	19,079	19,223	18,718	17,270	16,173	17,096
South and Central America	1,121	1,131	1,109	1,104	1,179	1,343	1,499	1,746	1,861	1,692	1,590	1,844
Australia and Pacific	1,416	1,408	1,426	1,419	1,452	1,495	1,467	1,469	1,419	1,322	1,206	1,155
Other	13	13	11	9	3	4	3	2	1	1	2	1
Total	2,166,275	2,257,027	2,385,089	2,468,018	2,592,276	2,697,195	2,774,955	2,891,255	2,929,989	2,681,032	2,440,124	2,789,899

Source: Central Statistical Bureau, Migration Statistics Bulletin, given years.

ANNEXED NOTE

1. Definitions

Ministry of Interior's (Directorate of Migration's) annual records of residency permits granted to foreign residents by type/ purpose of permit, sex and regional origin of holder.

Data presented in the table are stock data: all the non-national residents holding a residence permit on December 31st, the given year, EXCEPT the holders of permit n°14 (temporary residents).

The present figures include permits delivered for all purposes of stay in Kuwait:

1- Labour in all sectors: governmental (n°17); private sector (n°18); business (n°19) and domestic (n°20) sectors

2- Residence: as family dependent (permit n°22); for the purpose of studying (n°23) and for self-residence (n°24).

Residency procedures do not apply to GCC nationals and to Bidouns (stateless residents of Kuwait).

The table thus excludes the Bidouns, the non-Kuwaiti GCC citizens and those in irregular situation.

Holders of permit n°14 (temporary residents) are not included in the figures.

2. Institution which provides data

Central Statistical Bureau (CSB), Ministry of Planning.

3. Period of data coverage

December 31st, given years.

4. Data availability

The present data is taken from the “Migration Statistics” reports, published annually by the CSB.

The report (in Arabic and English, PDF format with Excel tables) is available on CSB’s website (Population Statistics, then Migration Statistics)

https://www.csb.gov.kw/Pages/Statistics_en?ID=56&ParentCatID=1

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